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# Neighborhood Watch Facts–2002

- Of the 187 Virginia law enforcement agencies surveyed, 119 or 64% sponsor Neighborhood Watch (NW).
- These agencies sponsor 4,794 NW groups.
- An estimated 316,404 Virginia households participate in NW, a total of 803,666 persons or 12% of Virginia's population.
- 80% (95) of the sponsor-agency contact persons described their NW groups as being “at least 50% active.”
- 81% (96) of the agency contact persons expressed a willingness to support and promote a homeland security role for their NW groups.
- 69% of the contact persons who supported a homeland security mission said that to implement such a mission, they would first need training for their agency staff and local NW leaders, or new training materials that could be distributed to NW participants. Only 10% said they would first have to add more staff.

## INTRODUCTION

In March 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced a plan that would double the number of Neighborhood Watch programs in the United States and enlist these programs in the fight against terrorism. When implemented, he said, this plan would provide citizens with an opportunity to “enhance local homeland security efforts and make preparedness a part of our daily lives.” He proclaimed that “our children will be safer, our homes more secure, and our communities stronger” if more Americans participated in community policing programs (such as Neighborhood Watch).<sup>1</sup>

## WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch (NW)<sup>2</sup> is a community-based crime prevention program through which citizens, in concert with law enforcement, work to reduce the opportunity for crime in their neighborhoods. It fosters familiarity and neighborliness for the express purpose of getting neighbors to look out for one another on a regular basis.

While NW varies in complexity from community to community, there are three main components common to all NW programs:

1. Neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.
2. Neighbors partnering with local police for the purpose of learning how to recognize and report suspicious and criminal activities such as burglary, larceny, vandalism, littering, etc.
3. Neighbors and police implementing programs such as Operation Identification and National Night Out, applying CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) strategies, conducting home security surveys and organizing community clean ups.

In Virginia, as in most states, NW is coordinated at the community level by local law enforcement agencies (e.g. police departments and sheriff’s offices). Law enforcement officers provide the guidance, training and materials for citizens to get started.

## SURVEY OF VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

In light of the renewed federal interest in NW and the proposed doubling of NW programs, the Director of the Virginia Crime Prevention Center (CPC) asked CPC staff to find out the answers to two questions:

1. What is the current status of the Neighborhood Watch program in Virginia, and
2. If directed, would NW officials and participants embrace a new mission oriented around “homeland security” and the effort to prevent terrorist attack?

CPC staff decided that a phone survey of local law enforcement agencies was the most practical way to do this. A survey instrument was developed based on questions from a 1983 Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) survey that was conducted at the request of the Virginia Secretary of

<sup>1</sup> Department of Justice Press Release of March 6, 2002, “Attorney General Ashcroft Announces Neighborhood Watch Campaign.”

<sup>2</sup> In some Virginia localities, NW is called Crime Watch, Block Watch or Community Watch. This description of NW is found in the *Program Manual of the Virginia Certified Crime Prevention Community Program*, DCJS, 2002.

<sup>3</sup> *Report on the Status of Neighborhood Watch in Virginia to the General Assembly of Virginia*, House Document 10, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, 1984. Findings from this study will be cited throughout the current report.

Public Safety.<sup>3</sup> Findings from the 1983 survey are presented below when data from both surveys are comparable, that is, when the data is derived from identical survey items. New survey questions were created to assess the proposition that NW should play a role in the fight against terrorism.

Questions about the status of NW focused on whether local agencies were currently sponsoring NW groups, and, if so,

- how many NW groups were sponsored,
- how active were these groups,
- how many agency staff have NW responsibilities,
- what activities do NW groups engage in and what services do they provide,
- what methods do the agencies use to promote NW,
- have any NW “spin-off” programs been organized (e.g. Business Watch), and if so, what type and how many are there?, and
- if given the resources, what should agencies do to improve their NW programs?

Two others asked whether local NW leaders and group members would support a new mission organized around “homeland security” and if so, what resources would be needed to do this.

Each question included space for writing any comments the respondents chose to make. A copy of the survey instrument is presented on pages 15–17.

## SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The primary law enforcement agencies of all Virginia cities and counties were surveyed as well as the police departments of towns whose 2000 Census populations were over 2000.<sup>4</sup> The sample consisted of:

	Number
Town Police Departments	52
City Police Departments	40
County Police Departments	9
County Sheriff's Offices	86
	<u>187</u> Agencies

CPC staff called each agency and asked to speak to the person most knowledgeable about their Neighborhood Watch program. This agency “contact person” was then interviewed or scheduled for a call-back interview. While a concerted effort was made to interview all 187 contact persons by phone, only 73% (136) actually completed the survey in this manner. The other 27% (51) supplied survey information via fax machine after they received the questionnaire from DCJS. Survey data was obtained from all 187 sample agencies.

<sup>4</sup> Limited staff resources made it impossible to survey the 127 police departments that serve towns that had less than 2000 residents. In the course of the survey, however, we did learn that seven of these departments sponsor NW programs.

## SURVEY FINDINGS

### NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SPONSORING NW– 64%

The survey found that 64% of the 187 sample agencies sponsored NW programs (n=119) while 36% (n=68) did not.

No definition of the term “sponsorship” was provided, yet the respondents’ comments showed that it was broadly interpreted. Sponsoring agencies include those whose staffs actively promote the program and regularly interact with NW group leaders, as well as those whose staffs rely more on group or home owner association leaders to operate the program.

The sponsoring agencies<sup>5</sup> included:

City, Town and County Sponsors			
34	of	40	City Police Departments
24	of	52	Town Police Departments
9	of	9	County Police Departments
52	of	86	County Sheriff’s Offices
<b>119</b>		<b>187</b>	

The level of sponsorship among Virginia’s law enforcement agencies was similar to that found in the 1983 survey. The 1983 survey, a mail survey of 300 law enforcement agencies, generated data from 179 agencies including all city police departments (41<sup>6</sup>), all county agencies (95), and 43 town police departments. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of these agencies (n=120) sponsored NW as compared to the 64% reported here.

The distribution of sponsoring agencies among cities, counties, and towns was also similar to that found in the 1983 survey.

	1983	2002
Cities:	36	34
Counties:	63	61
Towns:	21	24
	<b>120</b>	<b>119</b>

### SPONSORSHIP AND POPULATION

Although the likelihood of agency sponsorship is higher in the more populous jurisdictions (see below), sponsorship in less populous jurisdictions is substantial.

Locality Population	Number of VA Localities in this Range	Number with NW Programs	Level of NW Sponsorship
2,001–10,000	69	27	38%
10,001–25,000	60	37	62%
25,001–50,000	29	23	79%
50,001–200,000	27	27	100%
200,001–970,000	6	6	100%
		<b>119</b>	

<sup>5</sup> A listing of the agencies that sponsor NW and their NW contact persons is presented on pages 17–24.

<sup>6</sup> In 1990, the city of South Boston relinquished its status as a city and became a town within the borders of Halifax County.

The 34 *cities* where agencies sponsor NW have populations that range from 4,289 (Clifton Forge) to 425,257 (Virginia Beach) and average 68,122 persons. The 61 *counties* where agencies sponsor NW range from 6,829 persons (Surry County) to 969,749 (Fairfax County) and average 49,688 persons. The 21 *towns* range in population from 2,378 (Crewe) to 39,573 (Blacksburg) and average 7,527 persons.

These jurisdictions have a combined 2000 Census population of 6,299,129, 89% of Virginia's total 2000 Census population (7,078,515).

#### CURRENT NUMBER OF NW GROUPS – 4,794

The NW Group is the building block of the Neighborhood Watch program. Each group promotes crime prevention in a specific geographic area and each has a designated leader, usually called the NW Coordinator, who maintains regular contact with law enforcement officials. The Coordinator also communicates to the group's "Captains," residents of the area who volunteer to promote the program and provide information to a given number of area households.

Virginia's NW groups are organized on the basis of neighborhoods, housing developments, subdivisions, blocks, streets, roads and clusters of houses, apartments, townhouses, condominiums, etc. Although this variation affects the size, make up, and activity level of groups, they all strive to fulfill the program definition presented earlier in this report. NW group leaders often use newsletters to supply participant households with crime prevention tips, neighborhood crime data, and reminders about the crime prevention services of local police agencies (home security surveys, operation identification, child fingerprinting and registration programs etc.). The most active NW groups organize car or foot patrols.

The survey found that 4,794 NW groups were being sponsored. This is a 119% increase over the 2,188 groups reported in the 1983 survey.

The 24 agencies sponsoring the highest number of NW groups are:

Rank	Agency	No. of Groups	Rank	Agency	No. of Groups
1	Fairfax County PD	1200	13	Hanover Co SO	91
2	Chesterfield County PD	303	14	Danville City PD	86
3	Newport News PD	219	15	Chesapeake City PD	73
4	Virginia Beach PD	200	16	Arlington Co PD	67
5	Henrico County PD	200	17	Loudoun Co SO	64
6	Prince William County PD	175	18	Portsmouth City PD	55
7	Albemarle County PD	155	19	Richmond City PD	55
8	Hampton PD	153	20	Staunton City PD	49
9	Norfolk PD	120	21	Petersburg City PD	49
10	Alexandria PD	110	22	James City Co PD	40
11	Spotsylvania Co SO	105	23	Salem City PD	40
12	Roanoke Co PD	97	24	Roanoke City	35



When the sponsor agencies were categorized on the basis of how many groups they sponsored, they grouped as follows:

Sponsor Agencies	Percent of Total		Sponsor Between		Total Groups Sponsored		Percent of Total Groups
70	(58%)	→	1 to 10 groups	→	391	→	8%
31	(26%)	→	11 to 50 groups	→	649	→	14%
7	(6%)	→	51 to 100 groups	→	588	→	12%
11	(9%)	→	101 to 303 groups	→	1,966	→	41%
1	(1%)	→	1,200 groups <sup>7</sup>	→	1,200	→	25%
<b>119</b>	<b>(100%)</b>				<b>4,794</b>		<b>100%</b>

The average number of groups per sponsoring agency was 30.<sup>7</sup>

The 4,794 groups were categorized on the basis of their locations within cities, counties or towns and compared to a similar categorization of the 2,188 groups reported in 1983.

	1983 Groups	Percent	2002 Groups	Percent
City:	872	40%	1,436	30%
County:	1,262	58%	3,164	66%
Town:	54	2%	194	4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,794</b>	<b>100%</b>

The number of NW groups increased during the 19-year period, with the proportion located in cities declining (40% to 30%) and the proportion located in counties increasing (58% to 66%). Since most population growth in this period occurred in Virginia's counties, this is not surprising.

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS REPORTED – 82,474

Only 66 agencies estimated or counted the number of homes or households that participate in their NW programs. These agencies sponsor 1,243 NW groups and reported an estimated 82,474 participating homes or households—an average of 66 homes or households per group.

NOTE: The “participating households” figure is an estimate. Many of the contact persons volunteered that their figures were educated guesses rather than the product of counting or calculation.

## STATEWIDE PROJECTION OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS

Although the jurisdictions of the 66 agencies are more rural and less populous than the average Virginia jurisdiction, a statewide projection of participating households was made from the data they supplied. Assuming therefore, that each of Virginia's 4,794 NW groups has 66 participating homes or households, the total number of participant households would be 316,404 (4794 x 66). This number amounts to 12% of all Virginia households.<sup>8</sup> If each of the participant households has 2.54 persons (the 2000 Census estimate) then a total of 803,666 Virginia residents were involved with NW. This is 12% of the estimated total number of Virginia households.

NOTE: These projections or extrapolations are, at best, very conservative because the 66 jurisdictions on which they are based are significantly less populous than the average Virginia jurisdiction. They must also be viewed with caution because the concept of “household participation” was not defined.

<sup>7</sup> The 1200 Fairfax County groups were removed from the calculation because their inclusion would skew the result.

<sup>8</sup> Calculated using the Census 2000 estimate of 2,699,173 Virginia households. Source: Bureau of Census, Population Division, Basic Facts database.

NUMBER OF AGENCY STAFF TASKED WITH NW RESPONSIBILITIES — 269

The 119 sponsor agencies have 269 staff with assigned responsibility for promoting and maintaining NW programs. Fifty (50) agencies (42%) have more than one such staff member. The latter are disproportionately located in the more populous cities, counties and towns. These larger agencies often divide NW responsibilities between a designated contact person, other crime prevention staff, and officers or deputies serving as community policing staff.

NOTE: Our staffing figures should be viewed with caution. Contact persons were not asked about the amount of work time these staff expended on NW activities and many mentioned assistance from other agency staff.

ACTIVITY LEVEL OF CURRENT NW GROUPS

When asked to rate the activity level of their NW groups, agency contact persons characterized their groups as follows:

Sponsor Agencies		Rated their Groups as:	Average NW Staff Per Agency
24	(20%)	Very Active	2.13
24	(20%)	More Active than Inactive	3.58
47	(40%)	50–50 Active and Inactive	2.00
21	(18%)	More Inactive than Active	1.43
3	(2%)	Very Inactive	1.00
<b>119</b>	<b>100%</b>		

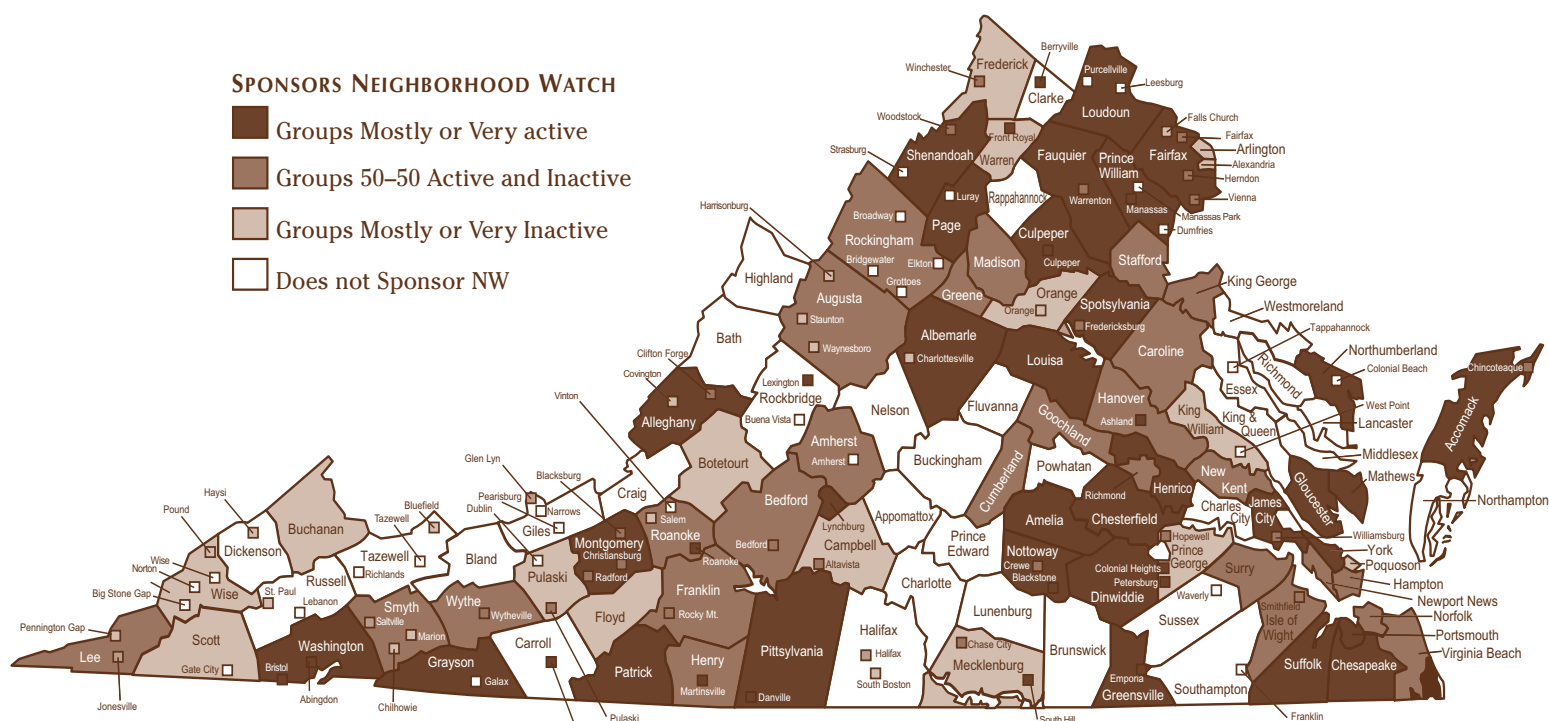
These ratings, though subjective<sup>9</sup>, reveal that 40% of the existing NW groups are considered active and an additional 40% are at least as active as inactive. They suggest that NW is playing a significant role in local crime prevention.

Another finding, as shown in the table, is the positive relationship between the number of agency NW staff and the activity level of sponsored NW groups. The more NW staff, the higher the activity level of the sponsored groups.

<sup>9</sup> Many contact persons rated a small number of their groups as active, a majority as moderately active and some as completely inactive. These raters noted the difficulty of choosing one level of activity to describe all groups.

## LOCATION OF ACTIVE NW PROGRAMS

The location and reported activity levels of sponsored 2002 NW groups are presented in Map 1.



## STRENGTH OF THE NW CONCEPT

The doubling of the number of NW groups since 1983 and the substantial number of groups considered very or mostly active indicates that many Virginia law enforcement agencies (and associated NW groups) overcame forces generally thought to have weakened NW in the 1990s. The primary forces cited are:

- the fact that citizen interest in NW rises and falls with the crime rate, coupled with the fact that there was a gradual and substantial reduction in crime in the 1990s.
- there has been and continues to be an aging out of the leaders who founded the NW groups and who kept them active in the 1970s and 1980s, and
- the fact that younger generations are less likely to involve themselves with their residential communities. Many neighborhoods are now populated by increasingly mobile, two-income earner families whose members lack the time, energy and motivation to work on community problems.

These hypotheses cannot be tested directly by our data but were supported and voiced in the comments offered by agency contact persons.

## PERCENT OF NW COORDINATORS THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND SUMMONED — 81%

One hundred-six (106) contact persons estimated the percentage of their NW group coordinators that could be identified by name and, if necessary, called upon for assistance. The average estimate was 81%. For the most part, sponsor agencies have records that would allow them to contact current NW group leaders.



## HOW NW GROUPS ARE ORGANIZED

When asked how their NW groups were organized, the contact persons from sponsor agencies reported as follows:

- 51% (61) were organized by neighborhood
- 8% (10) were organized by street or road
- 3% (3) were organized by block
- 3% (3) were organized by civic or home owners association
- 35% (42) were organized by some mixture of the above choices

Eighty-six percent (86%) reported that their NW groups were organized by neighborhood or by a mixture of neighborhood and other modalities. “Mixture” was usually selected when most groups were organized by neighborhood and a minority by block, street, apartment or condominium.

## LOCAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCILS

Ten contact persons noted that their NW programs benefited from the assistance of local “crime prevention councils.” These councils, whose members often include NW leaders, NW block captains, etc., assist by:

- organizing and raising funds for crime prevention events,
- purchasing and installing NW curbside signs,
- providing input on local crime prevention initiatives, and
- acting as informational clearinghouses for NW leaders.

One council was credited with issuing “mini-grants” so citizen groups could conduct neighborhood clean-up projects.

## NW GROUP ACTIVITIES

The contact persons were asked about the activities their agencies and NW groups engaged in.

57% (68) of the contact persons said *at least one or more of their groups* conducted foot or car patrols. Only 43% of the contact persons reported the use of patrols in 1983. Most of the current patrol groups are equipped with cell phones or two-way radios.

57% (68) also said that some or all of their groups participated in National Nite Out (NNO) activities. There was no comparison data from the 1983 survey.

60% (71) of the contact persons reported that their agencies provide “Operation Identification” services (a smaller percentage than the 78% reported in 1983), and

79% (94) reported that home security surveys are done on a request basis.

The written comments of the contact persons indicated that the majority of the sponsoring agencies rely on NW group leaders to organize NNO activities. They also revealed that Operation Identification and the conduct of security surveys are agency services not necessarily associated with NW.

## METHODS AGENCIES USE TO PROMOTE NW

Contact persons were asked about the methods their agencies use to promote and maintain the vitality of their NW groups. The survey found that:

- 94% (112) of the sponsor agencies hand out program brochures (83% did so in 1983),
- 97% (116) post roadside NW signs near entrances of neighborhoods (82% in 1983),
- 68% (81) give out window warning decals to participating households (73% in 1983),
- 49% (58) send out newsletters to NW Coordinators (32% in 1983),
- 56% (67) supply crime reports to NW Coordinators (not reported in 1983),
- 60% (71) place public service announcements (PSAs) in local newspapers (72% in 1983),
- 46% (55) provide PSAs to local TV or radio stations (est. 44% in 1983),
- 71% (84) sponsor meetings for NW Group Coordinators (63% in 1983), and
- 53% (63) use telephone trees, phone dialers or email lists to contact NW coordinators (43% in 1983).

## THE AGENCY INVOLVEMENT INDEX

The data on agency promotional methods provided an opportunity to rank the agencies on the basis of their involvement or commitment to NW. To do this, an “agency involvement index” was created, one that scored an agency according to the number and types of methods it uses to promote NW, and the activity level (as described by its contact person) of the groups it sponsors. The more labor intensive methods were weighted twice that of the other methods.

ONE POINT was awarded if the agency:

- handed out NW brochures
- put up NW signs at neighborhood entrances
- provided NW decals for group members to hand out
- provided NW promotional material to newspapers
- provided NW-related PSAs to TV and radio stations

TWO POINTS were awarded if the agency:

- helped in the production of NW group newsletters
- provided NW groups with crime data
- scheduled and conducted meetings for NW coordinators
- employed a phone tree, phone dialer, or email system for contacting NW group leaders.

UP TO FOUR POINTS were awarded if an agency’s NW groups were described as:

very active	= 4 points
mostly active	= 3 points
50–50 active/inactive	= 2 points
mostly inactive	= 1 point
very inactive	= 0 points

## TABLE 1 LISTS THE AGENCIES ACCORDING TO THEIR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT INDEX SCORES.

Table 1 lists the sponsor agencies according to their Agency Involvement Index scores. The average score was 12.8 points.

**Table 1: Agencies Ranked by Agency Involvement Index Scores**

Agency Score	Agency Name		
15–17 points	Albemarle Co. PD Chesterfield Co. PD Franklin Co. SO James City Co. PD Petersburg City PD Washington Co. SO	Abingdon Town PD Culpeper Co. SO Hanover Co. SO Manassas City PD Pittsylvania Co. SO	Ashland Town PD Culpeper Town PD Henrico Co. PD Montgomery Co. SO Shenandoah Co. SO
13–14 points	Alleghany Co. SO Botetourt Co. SO Fairfax Co. PD Fredericksburg City PD Lexington City PD Newport News City PD Page Co. SO Roanoke City PD Smyth Co. SO Stafford Co. SO	Bedford Co. SO Bristol City PD/SO Farmville Town PD Front Royal Town PD Lynchburg City PD Northumberland Co. SO Patrick Co. SO Roanoke Co. PD South Hill Town PD Suffolk City PD	Bluefield Town PD Chase City Town PD Fauquier Co. SO Greenville Co. SO Lee Co. Martinsville City PD Prince William Co. PD Rockingham Co. SO Spotsylvania Co. SO York Co. SO
10–12 points	Amelia Co. SO Blacksburg Town PD Emporia City PD Hampton City PD Isle of Wight Co. SO New Kent Co. SO Richmond City PD South Boston Town PD Virginia Beach City PD Williamsburg City PD	Altavista Town PD Colonial Heights City PD Falls Church City PD Henry Co. SO Louisa Co. SO Nottoway Co. SO Rocky Mount Town PD Staunton City PD Warrenton Town PD Winchester City PD	Bedford City PD Dinwiddie Co. SO Fairfax City PD Herndon Town PD Mathews Co. SO Radford City PD Smithfield Town PD Vienna Town PD Waynesboro City PD Wise Co. SO
7–9 points	Alexandria City PD Caroline Co. SO Clifton Forge City PD Danville City PD Grayson Co. SO Loudoun Co. SO Orange Town PD Scott Co. SO	Berryville Town PD Chesapeake City PD Crewe Town PD Floyd Co. SO Hopewell City PD Madison Co. SO Portsmouth City PD Woodstock Town PD	Campbell Co. SO Christiansburg Town PD Cumberland Co. SO Gloucester Co. SO King George Co. SO Norfolk City PD Prince George Co. PD Wythe Co. SO
3–6 points	Accomack Co. SO Blackstone Town PD Goochland Co. SO King William Co. SO Poquoson City PD Salem City PD	Amherst Co. SO Charlottesville City PD Greene Co. SO Mecklenburg Co. SO Pulaski Co. SO Surry Co. SO	Augusta Co. SO Frederick Co. SO Harrisonburg City PD Orange Co. SO Pulaski Town PD Wytheville Town PD
1 point	Arlington Co. PD <sup>10</sup>		

<sup>10</sup>The Arlington Co PD recently revived their involvement with NW by holding meetings to inform citizens about NW and encourage them to form new NW groups. Prior to the “9/11” tragedy, NW group organization and maintenance was left in the hands of local Civic (home owners) Associations (CA). Although Arlington County has 67 active NW groups, the PD’s role in assisting these (or any new) groups is being refashioned.



Fifty-three percent (53%) of the sponsor agency contact persons reported that their agencies provided three or more labor intensive promotional activities. Forty-one percent (41%) described the activity level of their NW groups as “Very” or “Mostly” active.

NOTE: These index ratings are only as accurate as the reliability and validity of the data they are based on. Although contact persons probably responded to the index items on the basis of empirical observations, there is always a subjective component to survey data. For example, some contact persons may have credited their agency with the preparation and mail out of NW newsletters when, in fact, the newsletters referenced were simply the regular publications of local home owner associations.

### **NW “SPIN-OFF” PROGRAMS**

Thirty-seven percent (44) of the contact persons reported that their agencies also sponsor NW “spin-off” programs. This is double the rate reported in 1983 (17%). An analysis of their comments revealed the existence of 47 “spin-off” programs (NOTE: several agencies sponsored more than one type of spin-off program):

- 39 agencies sponsored business watch programs,
- 6 agencies sponsored crime watch groups made up of employees whose jobs require them to travel about the city or county where they live. These employees are usually equipped with cell phones or radio transmitters and are made up of public employees, telephone and cable repairmen, newspaper carriers and realtors, and
- 2 agencies sponsored fleet (boat) watch programs.

One of the most unique NW-type programs is Hanover County’s Builders Notification Watch. This program requires home builders to supply the Sheriff’s Office with contact persons who can be called day or night and would be able to verify if someone were authorized to remove building materials from a home or office construction site.

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE VITALITY OF LOCAL NW PROGRAMS**

After the questions on agency and NW group activities, contact persons were asked what should be done, if funds were available, to improve the vitality of NW groups. One-hundred-nine (109) contact persons made 138 recommendations and these grouped as follows:

- 32% (44) recommended increases in NW manpower (39 to increase sworn staff, five to add non-sworn or volunteer staff).
- 29% (40) recommended an increase in citizen awareness and interest that would come from publicity campaigns, radio and TV PSAs, newspaper stories, the handout of program literature, or more NW curbside signs.
- 22% (31) recommended an increase in the amount of interaction and communication between agency staff and NW groups (17 recommended more agency sponsored meetings and presentations, nine advocated the increased use of newsletters, and five called for greater use of phone trees, phone dialers and “reverse 911” systems.
- 9% (12) recommended the addition of program equipment (six wanted agency computers, vehicles, TV/VCRs, six wanted cell phones, radios, uniforms, engravers, etc. for their NW groups), and
- 8% (9) recommended training for agency staff, NW coordinators, block captains, etc.

## **SUPPORT FOR A NW ROLE IN “HOMELAND SECURITY” – 81% (96)**

The contact persons were asked if the members and leaders of their local NW groups would support the idea of adding a counter-terrorism component to the mission of local NW groups. Eighty-one percent (96) said they would. Fourteen (14) of the 22 contact persons who opposed the idea faxed their completed surveys to DCJS and did not offer any explanation for their answers. Of the other eight,

- three said the idea would not generate enough citizen interest to sustain an organization,
- two said localizing the issue of terrorism would scare citizens,
- one said that counter-terrorism policy should not be the province of local government,
- one said it wouldn't catch on in rural or sparsely populated areas and,
- one said it would encourage governmental invasiveness (i.e. government as “big brother”).

## **RESOURCES NEEDED FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY MISSION**

The 96 contact persons supporting a homeland security mission were asked to identify the resources they would need to carry it out. Ninety made reference to 123 specific resources. These grouped as follows:

- 37% (45) called for more staff and NW leader training and/or information about terrorism
- 32% (40) called for more training materials, brochures and hand-out literature
- 15% (19) called for more money
- 10% (12) called for more staff
- 6% (7) called for new equipment such as computers and vehicles

## **WILLINGNESS TO HELP BUT VERY LITTLE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOMELAND SECURITY**

Eighty-three percent (83%) of the contact persons who supported a NW homeland security mission made comments that suggested a lack of knowledge as to what such a mission would entail. Thus, while there was a general willingness to help in the war on terrorism, no source of expertise or ideas on how NW would best serve has, as yet, been identified. Furthermore, some agency contact persons were genuinely skeptical about the appropriateness, practicality, or impact of such a mission.

## **CONCLUSION**

The survey revealed that NW is still a major component of Virginia's crime prevention policy. Although crime rates are down and the current lexicon of law enforcement is more attuned to the words and concepts of “community-oriented policing,” there is continued recognition of NW's status as a seminal and basic law enforcement strategy.<sup>11</sup> In fact, given the concern with Homeland Security, it may be that NW will play an even more important role in the post-9/11 era. As more law enforcement personnel become involved in counter-terrorist training, information gathering and inter-agency information sharing, etc., greater reliance on NW citizen-police partnerships seems inevitable.

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<sup>11</sup>Neighborhood Watch, relying as it does on a working partnership between citizens and police, may be the purest model of community-oriented policing in existence.

## Questions for the DCJS Survey on The Status of Neighborhood Watch in Virginia

Agency Surveyed: \_\_\_\_\_

If town PD, record county where town is located: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency NW Contact Person:

rank/title \_\_\_\_\_

first name/last name \_\_\_\_\_

contact tel.# \_\_\_\_\_

contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does your agency sponsor Neighborhood Watch (NW)?

*NOTE: sponsorship involves having at least one officer or deputy whose specific duty or duties include organizing or maintaining NW.*

1 = YES; 0 = NO (If NO, please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

a. If YES, how many separate NW groups do you sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_

b. If YES, how many homes participate? \_\_\_\_\_ (don't know=0)

2. How many agency staff have the specific duty of organizing/maintaining NW groups? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How active are these groups? (let the respondent answer and then code):

1=Very Active \_\_\_\_\_

2=More active than inactive \_\_\_\_\_

3=Mixed-50-50 active and inactive \_\_\_\_\_

4=More inactive than active \_\_\_\_\_

5=Very inactive \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many of these groups have citizen coordinators that you can identify and call on for assistance?

\_\_\_\_\_ % (0=don't know)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How are these groups organized (neighborhood... block .....street)?

1 = Neighborhood

2 = Block

3 = Street or Road

4 = Civic Association

5 = Mixture

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



6. Which of the following activities do these groups *normally* engage in? (code “1” if they do or “0” if they don’t.)?

- ☐ Neighborhood Patrol (foot or car)
- ☐ Neighborhood Patrol (with cell phone or CB radio)
- ☐ National Nite Out
- ☐ Operation Identification
- ☐ Officer/deputy home security surveys

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which of the following methods are *currently used* to promote NW (code “1” if they do or “0” if they don’t.)?

- ☐ Give out brochures describing the program
- ☐ Post roadside NW signs near entrances of neighborhoods
- ☐ Give out window warning decals to participating households
- ☐ Send newsletter to NW Coordinators
- ☐ Supply crime reports to NW Coordinators
- ☐ Notices in local newspapers (e.g. crime prevention tips)
- ☐ Use of TV or radio (PSA=public service announcements)
- ☐ PD/SO sponsored meetings for NW Coordinators
- ☐ PD/SO maintains a telephone tree, phone dialer or email notification system
- ☐ PD/SO organizes special events/presentations
- ☐ Other: Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have any “spin-off” or other NW-type programs been organized in your area (e.g. business watch)?

☐ 0=NO; 1=YES If YES, what are the names of these groups? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you had the resources, what would you do to increase the vitality of your NW program?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you feel the members of your NW groups would support a (new) mission organized around “homeland security” issues (i.e. related to the issue of terrorism)?

☐ 0=NO 1=YES If YES, what would you need or like in terms of resources and training to help you with this mission? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# VA Law Enforcement Agency Sponsorship of Neighborhood Watch<sup>12</sup>

VA Crime Prevention Center Department of Criminal Justice Services September 24, 2002

Agency	NW Program Contact	Telephone	Email	Sponsor NW?	How Active?
Abingdon Town PD	Lt. Gary Coleman	(276) 676-6252		Yes	Very Active
Accomack Co. SO	Sgt. Todd Wessels	(757) 787-1131		Yes	Active
Albemarle Co. PD	Officer Karla Bower	(434) 972-4079	bowerk@albemarle.org	Yes	Very Active
Alexandria City PD	Detective Mike Keegan	(703) 838-4520		Yes	Mostly Inactive
Alleghany Co. SO	Sergeant B.E. Rose	(540) 965-1771		Yes	Active
Altavista Town PD	Capt. Mike Harris	(434) 332-9580	jmharris@co.campbell.va.us	Yes	50-50
Amelia Co. SO	Sergeant Bruce Almarode	(804) 561-2118	ameliacoso@cj.net	Yes	Very Active
Amherst Co. SO	Sgt. Greg Turner	(434) 946-9300	glturner@ascyber.net	Yes	50-50
Amherst Town PD	Chief Kenneth Watts	(434) 946-7885		No	
Appomattox Co. SO	Sheriff O.W. Staples	(434) 352-8241		No	
Arlington Co. PD	Capt. Tom Panther	(703) 228-4327		Yes	Mostly Inactive
Ashland Town PD	Officer Tommy Gilbert	(804) 798-1227	ddyer@town.ashland.va.us	Yes	Very Active
Augusta Co. SO	Deputy Michael Painter	(540) 245-5333		Yes	50-50
Bath Co. SO	Capt. Richard Armstrong	(540) 839-2331		No	
Bedford City PD	Chief Milton Graham	(540) 587-6011	mgraham@ci.bedford.va.us	Yes	50-50
Bedford Co. SO	Sgt. George W. Thomas	(540) 586-7718	gthomas@co.bedford.gov	Yes	50-50
Berryville Town PD	Officer Jerry Crosson	(540) 955-3863		Yes	Very Active
Big Stone Gap Town PD	Chief Larry R. Mohn	(276) 523-0117		No	
Blacksburg Town PD	Sgt. Jerry Bowyer	(540) 961-1810	jbowyer@blacksburg.org	Yes	50-50
Blackstone Town PD	Deputy Debbie Smith	(434) 292-3323	rayo@meckcom.net	Yes	Very Active

<sup>12</sup> This document contains information on law enforcement agencies in 40 cities, 95 counties and 52 towns. Only the Police Departments of towns whose 2000 Census populations were greater than 2000 were surveyed.

Agency	NW Program Contact	Telephone	Email	Sponsor NW?	How Active?
Bland Co. SO	Chief Bob Bruce	(276) 688-3611		No	
Bluefield Town PD	Chief Jack Asbury	(276) 326-2621	chief@netscope.net	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Botetourt Co. SO	Adm. Shearon Coleman	(540) 473-8230	botecp@aol.com	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Bridgewater Town PD	Chief Robert C. Hill	(540) 828-2611		No	
Bristol City PD/SO	Deputy Allen Slagle	(276) 642-2300	bvsocp@3wave.com	Yes	Very Active
Broadway Town PD	Chief Jay P. Lanz	(540) 896-1174		No	
Brunswick Co. SO	Sheriff James R. Woodley	(434) 848-3133		No	
Buchanan Co. SO	Sheriff Paul A. Crouse	(276) 935-2313		No	
Buckingham Co. SO	Shrf. Garnett A. Shumaker, Jr.	(434) 969-1772		No	
Buena Vista City PD	Chief Lewis E. Plogger	(540) 261-6174		No	
Campbell Co. SO	Sgt. Cindy Caldwell	(434) 332-9580	ccaldwell@co.campbell.gov	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Caroline Co. SO	Inv. Brad Sullivan	(804) 633-5400		Yes	50-50
Carroll Co. SO	Sheriff H.W. Manning	(276) 728-4146		No	
Charles City Co. SO	Sheriff BA Washington	(804) 829-9265		No	
Charlotte Co. SO	Capt. Carson Pollard	(434) 542-5141		No	
Charlottesville City PD	Sgt. Mike Farruggio	(434) 970-3970		Yes	Mostly Inactive
Chase City Town PD	Chief J. A. Jordan	(434) 372-5112	chasecitypd@juno.com	Yes	50-50
Chesapeake City PD	Capt. Mark Soliski	(757) 543-0142		Yes	Active
Chesterfield Co. PD	Officer Jim Henry	(804) 796-7052		Yes	Very Active
Chincoteague Town PD	Capt. Larry Gidding	(757) 824-5666		No	
Christiansburg Town PD	Sgt. Andy Schack	(540) 382-3131	cpdschack@yahoo.com	Yes	50-50
Clarke Co. SO	Sheriff Dale A. Gardner	(540) 955-5152		No	
Clifton Forge City PD	Officer Cherie Padgett	(540) 863-2513		Yes	50-50
Colonial Beach Town PD	Chief Courtlandt A. Turner	(804) 224-0141		No	



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Colonial Heights City PD	Officer Tom Kifer	(804) 520-9310	kifert@colonialheights.com	Yes	Active
Covington City PD	Sergeant Darrell Hicks	(540) 965-6333	dhicks5871@aol.com	No	
Craig Co. SO	Sheriff Billy B. McPherson	(540) 864-5127		No	
Crewe Town PD	Chief William Obel	(434) 645-7473		Yes	50-50
Culpeper Co. SO	Sgt. Julie Brooking	(540) 727-3400		Yes	Very Active
Culpeper Town PD	Officer Holly Hill	(540) 727-3430	crohill@hotmail.com	Yes	Very Active
Cumberland Co. SO	Sgt. Darrell Hodges	(804) 492-4120	jmarion@cumberlandco.com	Yes	50-50
Danville City PD	CPS Steve K. Anderson	(434) 797-8898	andersk@ci.danville.va.us	Yes	Active
Dickenson Co. SO	Sheriff Bobby G. Hammons	(276) 926-1600		No	
Dinwiddie Co. SO	Deputy George Rivers	(804) 469-4523		Yes	Very Active
Dublin Town PD	Chief Jay C. Vest	(540) 674-5167		No	
Dumfries Town PD	Chief Calvin A. Johnson	(703) 221-1111		No	
Elkton Town PD	Chief Richard W. Pullen	(540) 298-9441		No	
Emporia City PD	Chief Todd Anderson	(434) 634-6201		Yes	Active
Essex Co. SO	Sheriff Stanley S. Clarke	(804) 443-3346		No	
Fairfax City PD	Sergeant Dave Tucker	(703) 385-7946	dtucker@ci.fairfax.va.us	Yes	50-50
Fairfax Co. PD	Lt. Frank Cresswell	(703) 246-4311	frank.cresswell@fairfaxcounty.gov	Yes	Active
Falls Church City PD	Officer Paul Whitney	(703) 248-5056	fc2@erols.com	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Farmville Town PD	Chief Steve Dunnivant	(434) 392-3332	chief_dennavant@hotmail.com	Yes	Very Active
Fauquier Co. SO	Deputy Otis Ellis	(540) 347-6850	otisellis@fauquierco.gov.	Yes	Active
Floyd Co. SO	Chf-Dep. Shannon Zeman	(540) 745-9334		Yes	Mostly Inactive
Fluvanna Co. SO	Major Tom Parker	(434) 589-8211		No	
Franklin City PD	CPL. Mark Cornell	(757) 562-8575	mcornell@franklinpolice.org	No	
Franklin Co. SO	Capt. Robert Strickler	(540) 483-3000		Yes	50-50

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Frederick Co. SO	Capt. William Horn	(540) 662-6168	whorn@co.frederick.gov	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Fredericksburg City PD	Lt. Rick Pennock	(540) 373-3122	pennock4@hotmail.com	Yes	50-50
Front Royal Town PD	Officer James E. Nicholson	(540) 635-2111	frcp@ra.aonline.net	Yes	Active
Galax City PD	Officer Aaron Criner	(276) 236-8101	criner@valink.com	No	
Gate City Town PD	Chief Gerald Cox	(276) 386-3831		No	
Giles Co. SO	Deputy Eric Thwaites	(540) 921-4976		No	
Gloucester Co. SO	Deputy Sue Ellis	(804) 693-3890		Yes	Active
Goochland Co. SO	Sgt. Terry Pleasants	(804) 556-5349	Tpleasants@co.goochland.va.us	Yes	50-50
Grayson Co. SO	Sheriff Jerry Wilson	(276) 773-3271	sheriff@ls.net	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Greene Co. SO	Captain Scott Haas	(434) 985-2222	greene@aol	Yes	50-50
Greenville Co. SO	Deputy Tim Williams	(434) 348-4200	twms29@yahoo.com	Yes	Very Active
Grottoes Town PD	Chief Charles R. Lawhorne	(540) 249-5707		No	
Halifax Co. SO	Sheriff D. J. Oaks	(434) 476-3334		No	
Hampton City Div of Police	Corporal Jim West	(757) 727-6574	jwest@hampton.gov	Yes	50-50
Hanover Co. SO	Deputy James McLaughlin	(804) 537-6335	jmcgloughlin@co.hanover.va.us	Yes	50-50
Harrisonburg City PD	Sgt. Joe Pulaskey	(540) 434-2545		Yes	Mostly Inactive
Henrico Co. Div of Police	Ms. Nicole Smith	(804) 501-5932		Yes	Very Active
Henry Co. SO	Sgt. Ronald D. Minter	(276) 656-4200	rminter@co.henry.gov	Yes	50-50
Herndon Town PD	Officer Lisa Cammarota	(703) 435-6846	lisacommarota@townherndon.ua.us	Yes	50-50
Highland Co. SO	Sheriff Herbert R. Lightner	(540) 468-2210		No	
Hillsville Town PD	Adm. Janice Davis	(276) 728-4146	ccso@swva.net	No	
Hopewell City PD	PO2 Kathy Stevens	(804) 541-2222	cstevenssteph@ci.hopewell.va.us	Yes	50-50
Isle of Wight Co. SO	Deputy David Sessoms	(757) 357-2151		Yes	50-50
James City Co. PD	Officer Brad Rinehimer	(757) 253-1800	bradleyr@jamescity.va.us	Yes	Active

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King & Queen Co. SO	Sheriff E. C. Walton	(804) 785-7400		No	
King George Co. SO	Sheriff Clarence Dobson	(540) 775-2049	mjohnson@co.kinggeorge.state.va.us	Yes	50-50
King William Co. SO	Sheriff Jeff Walton	(804) 769-0999	kwso@bealenet.com	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Lancaster Co. SO	Lt. Walter Harcum	(804) 462-5111		No	
Lebanon Town PD	Chief Mark A. Mitchell	(276) 889-7227		No	
Lee Co. SO	Lt. James Hartsock	(276) 346-7777		Yes	50-50
Leesburg Town PD	Officer Dale Spurlock	(703) 771-4500		No	
Lexington City PD	Chief Bruce Beard	(540) 462-3750	beard@ci.lexingtonva.us	Yes	Very Active
Loudoun Co. SO	Sgt. Edward Pifer	(703) 737-5747	epifer@co.loudoun.va.us	Yes	Active
Louisa Co. SO	Deputy William Seay	(540) 967-1234		Yes	Active
Lunenburg Co. SO	Sheriff Wesley D. Adams	(434) 696-4452		No	
Luray Town PD	Officer Fay McConnell	(540) 743-7334		No	
Lynchburg City PD	Cindy Kozerow	(434) 847-1431	cynthiakozero@ci.lynchburg.gov	Yes	Active
Madison Co. SO	Deputy Evans Oakerson	(540) 948-5161		Yes	50-50
Manassas City PD	Sgt. Mark Woolverton	(703) 257-8038		Yes	Active
Manassas Park City PD	Chief John Evans	(703) 361-1136		No	
Marion Town PD	Sgt. Keith Clark	(276) 783-8145		No	
Martinsville City PD	Officer Coretha Gravely	(276) 656-5300	rwalker@ci.martinsville.va.us	Yes	Very Active
Mathews Co. SO	Captain Ann Shockley	(804) 725-7177	captain@co.mathews.va.us	Yes	Active
Mecklenburg Co. SO	Det. Terry Edmonds	(434) 728-6171	twedmonds@msn.com.	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Middlesex Co. SO	Sheriff Guy L. Abbott	(804) 758-2779		No	
Montgomery Co. SO	Mst-Dep. James Boyers	(540) 382-2951	mcsocp@cablenet.va.com	Yes	Very Active
Narrows Town PD	Chief Thomas W. Gautier	(540) 726-7985		No	
Nelson Co. SO	Sheriff Gary Brantley	(434) 263-4242		No	

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New Kent Co. SO	Deputy Todd Landrum	(804) 966-9500	topdllr1@aol.com	Yes	50-50
Newport News City PD	Lt. Wayne A. Smith	(757) 926-7204	wasmith@nn.gov	Yes	50-50
Norfolk City PD	Sgt. Daniel Emerson	(757) 664-6901	daniel.emerson@norfolk.gov	Yes	50-50
Northampton Co. SO	Sheriff Walter W. Bradford	(757) 678-0459		No	
Northumberland Co. SO	Capt. Chuck Wilkins	(804) 580-5221	cawilkins04@runet.net	Yes	Active
Norton City PD	Chief Samuel A. Mongle	(276) 679-1211		No	
Nottoway Co. SO	Sheriff Larry Parrish	(434) 645-9044		Yes	Very Active
Orange Co. SO	1st Sgt. James Fenwick	(540) 672-1200	patrolocso@aol.com	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Orange Town PD	Chief James Otto	(540) 677-1491	police@townoforangeva.org	Yes	Very Inactive
Page Co. SO	Sergeant Jason Pettit	(540) 743-6571	pcso@shentel.net	Yes	Active
Patrick Co. SO	Admin. Betty Martin	(276) 694-3161		Yes	Very Active
Pearisburg Town PD	Chief Jackie Martin	(540) 921-0340		No	
Petersburg City PD	Admin. R. J. Bragg	(804) 732-4222	rjbragg-ppd@earthlink.net	Yes	Very Active
Pittsylvania Co. SO	Lt. Mike Taylor	(434) 432-7809	mtaylor@co.pittsylvania.gov	Yes	Active
Poquoson City PD	Chief John White	(757) 868-3360	jwhite@ci.poquoson.va.us	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Portsmouth City PD	Lt. Tammy Early	(757) 235-5656	tearly@ci.portsmouth.va.us	Yes	Active
Powhatan Co. SO	Sgt. Thomas Broughton	(804) 598-5758		No	
Prince Edward Co. SO	Sheriff Travis Harris	(434) 392-8101		No	
Prince George Co. PD	Sgt. Anthony Goodman	(804) 733-2773		Yes	Mostly Inactive
Prince William Co. PD	Sgt. Louis Marshall	(703) 792-7267		Yes	Active
Pulaski Co. SO	Major Michael Alderman	(540) 980-7800	pulaskisheriffoffice.org	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Pulaski Town PD	Officer Vicky Frazier	(540) 994-8653		Yes	50-50
Purcellville Town PD	Sgt. James Rust	(540) 338-7422		No	
Radford Town PD	Sgt. Angie Frye	(540) 731-5008		Yes	50-50



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Rappahannock Co. SO	Major Christopher Williams	(540) 675-3332		No	
Richlands Town PD	Officer Darryl McLaughlin	(276) 964-9134		No	
Richmond City PD	Officer Rene Kurdziolek	(804) 646-6842	kurdziolekrr@ci.richmond.va.us	Yes	50-50
Richmond Co. SO	Sheriff Gene E. Sydnor	(804) 333-3611		No	
Roanoke City PD	Sgt. N. F. Steanly	(540) 853-2132	butch_steanly@ci.roanoke.va.us	Yes	Active
Roanoke Co. PD	Officer Lee Linkous	(540) 561-8062	llinkous@co.roanoke.va.us	Yes	50-50
Rockbridge Co. SO	Sheriff R.W. Day	(540) 463-7328		No	
Rockingham Co. SO	Sgt. Felicia Glick	(540) 564-3800	kzinc32@aol.com	Yes	50-50
Rocky Mount Town PD	Chief Richard B. Jenkins	(540) 483-9275		Yes	Active
Russell Co. SO	Chief Dep. Steve Dye	(276) 889-8033		No	
Salem City PD	Sergeant David Rorer	(540) 375-3084	drorer@ci.salem.va.us	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Saltville Town PD	Chief Barry S. Surber	(276) 496-4321		No	
Scott Co. SO	Deputy Laurie Murray	(276) 386-6363		Yes	Very Inactive
Shenandoah Co. SO	Sgt. M. J. Painter	(540) 459-6100		Yes	Very Active
Smithfield Town PD	Lt. Kurt Beach	(757) 357-3247	kbeach@co.smithfield.va.us	Yes	50-50
Smyth Co. SO	Deputy Ginger Johnson	(276) 783-7204		Yes	50-50
South Boston Town PD	Capt. Jim Binner	(434) 575-4273		Yes	Mostly Inactive
South Hill Town PD	Sergeant Ronnie Edmonds	(434) 447-3104	shpd@meckcom.net	Yes	Active
Southampton Co. SO	Deputy Wanda Stivers	(757) 653-2100		No	
Spotsylvania Co. SO	Captain John Burress Sr.	(540) 582-7115	jburress@ci.spotsylvania.gov	Yes	Very Active
Stafford Co. SO	Deputy Darrell English	(540) 658-4450		Yes	50-50
Staunton City PD	Officer Amy Pultz	(540) 332-3845	pultzab@ci.staunton.va.us	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Strasburg Town PD	Chief Marshall A. Robinson	(540) 465-5320		No	
Suffolk City PD	William A. Freeman	(757) 923-2357		Yes	Very Active

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Surry Co. SO	Deputy Sheriff Roy Lane	(757) 294-5264	surrysheriff@rural.net	Yes	50-50
Sussex Co. SO	Sheriff E.S. Kitchen, Jr.	(434) 246-5000		No	
Tappahannock Town PD	Chief James H. Barratt, Jr.	(804) 443-3336		No	
Tazewell Co. SO	Sgt. Brian Hieatt	(276) 988-5966		No	
Tazewell Town PD	Chief Roy A. Brewster, Sr.	(276) 988-2503		No	
Vienna Town PD	MPO Virginia Palmore	(703) 255-6396		Yes	50-50
Vinton Town PD	Sgt. Marcus Vaught	(540) 342-8135	mvaught@town.viton.va.us	No	
Virginia Beach City PD	Officer Dolly Deans	(757) 563-1006		Yes	50-50
Warren Co. SO	Sgt. Thomas Nicewarner	(540) 635-0399		Yes	Mostly Inactive
Warrenton Town PD	Sergeant Walter Putnam	(540) 347-1107	wputnam@ci.warrenton.va.us	Yes	50-50
Washington Co. SO	Lt. Gary Coleman	(276) 676-6252		Yes	Active
Waverly Town PD	Act. Chief Lonnie L. Moore	(804) 834-2324		No	
Waynesboro City PD	Officer Mark Kearney	(540) 942-6683	kearneymp@ci.waynesboro.va.us	Yes	Mostly Inactive
West Point Town PD	Chief William L. Hodges	(804) 843-3846		No	
Westmoreland Co. SO	Ms. Laura Morgan	(804) 493-8167		No	
Williamsburg City PD	Officer Dennis Baines	(757) 220-2331	dbaines@ci.williamsburg.va.us	Yes	50-50
Winchester City PD	Sgt. Robert Gaither	(540) 662-4131		Yes	50-50
Wise Co. SO	Sgt./CPO Teresa Meade	(276) 328-3566	tmeadewcso30@hotmail.com	Yes	Mostly Inactive
Wise Town PD	Sgt. Glen Atkins	(276) 328-9046		No	
Woodstock Town PD	Chief Jerry Miller	(540) 459-2141	woodpd@shentel.net	Yes	50-50
Wythe Co. SO	Sgt. Danna Underwood	(276) 223-6000	dunderwood@wytheco.org	Yes	50-50
Wytheville Town PD	Investigator Eddie Williams	(276) 223-3308	erw8617@wytheville.org	Yes	50-50
York Co. SO	Deputy David Barke	(757) 890-3639	barked@yorkcounty.gov	Yes	Very Active









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